

135 W. 41st St.,

June 3, 1887.

My Dear May,

I am very glad the Society of Antiquity has decided to get out our pamphlet at once.

This decision saves us from all embarrassment as to the matter and makes our course plain.

I think well of printing your remarks introductory to the reading of the review, and gladly leave the matter to your judgment and that of others concerned. If you refer to my record at all it may be well to mention that I was the youngest of the 12 men who organized the N. E. A. S. Society Jan. 6, 1832; that I edited the Liberator during Garrison's first two visits to England (1833 & 1840), and at sundry other times.



that I edited the Ohio A. S. Bugle  
two years (1849-51), the Pa. Free-  
man two years (1851-53), and  
the Standard twelve years  
(1853-65. My six months' un-  
successful effort to establish the  
Blackstone Chronicle in 1848 is  
hardly worth mentioning. My  
connection with the Tribune from  
1844 to 1848 is more important.  
On leaving the Standard I became  
man. ed. of the Independent (1865-  
1870) at the beginning of 1871 became  
editor for 2 years of the Weekly  
Tribune; and next, for three  
years, was managing editor of  
the Christian Union. Next wrote  
"Gar. & his Times." Group these facts  
in any way that may suit your  
own judgment, though the briefest  
way would seem to me the best.



The only object in mentioning them at all will be, I suppose, to accredit me as <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ fit person to reply to Thayer in vindication of the Garrisonians. But don't fall into Howland's error of setting Mr. Sewall down as a survivor of the men who org. the N. E. Anti-Slavery Soc. That would be awkward indeed, as Sewall, though present, refused to take part in the organization.

I have already sent you a title-page for the pamphlet, which ~~of~~ course will supersede the head-lines over my M.S. The simple word Review will be sufficient in place of those long lines. And this will necessitate another change, viz: the putting of the foot-note in which I cite Thayer's title <sup>in full</sup> farther for-



ward, placing the asterisk in the  
second or third <sup>of the review</sup>  $\Phi$ , where I first  
allude to his pamphlet: "Mr. May  
paper," &c. &c.

I hardly dare say so above  
my breath, but my cough seems to  
be abating in its severity. You re-  
member the story of the Irishman who  
succeeded in getting his pig to go the  
way he wanted him to by trying to  
drive him in an opposite direction  
and who was afraid his little scheme  
would be spoiled by the pig's dis-  
covery of the trick. Just so I am  
afraid my pig of a cough, if it hear  
~~me~~ say I am better, will once more  
run the other way!

My address will be as at pre-  
sent till toward the ~~end~~ end of June  
when I go to the country.

The Envelope  
300 (7.5.)  
better paper

Yours, ever,

Oliver Johnson